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(ii) (a) Visits to educational, local self-government and panchayat institutions and deputations of public bodies and institutions with a view to come into touch with local conditions and grievances.

(b) Some had been visited before and some not.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I ask whether in these tours the hon. Minister makes propaganda for his party ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No, Sir."

Village Panchayats

Formation of the Nagandur Village Panchayat.

* 1321 Q.—Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a village panchayat has been formed in the village of Nagandur (including the cheri there), Gingee taluk;

(b) if so, when and how many members constitute the panchayat;

(c) the caste or castes to which these members belong;

(d) whether there was an election before the formation of the panchayat;

(e) if so, who conducted the election; and

(f) whether due notice of the election was given to the Christians and Adi-Dravidas and whether the formation of the village panchayat was made known to the residents of the above village, and how?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The panchayat was constituted on 8th December 1926 with a strength of nine members.

(c) All the members are caste Hindus.

(d) Yes.

(e) The former President of the Tindivanam Taluk Board M.R.Ry. A. V. Srinivasalu Reddiyar conducted the election.

(f) The notice of the date of elections was published in the village and cheri on 22nd February 1927 (the date of election being 5th March 1927) by beat of drum and by affixing copies of the notice in conspicuous places.

The order directing the constitution of the panchayat was published by beat of drum in the village and its hamlets on 14th January 1927.

Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—" In view of the untouchability existing in the villages, does the village officer inform these people by beat of drum ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Well, Sir, they have been asked to announce it by beat of drum. I believe they are doing it."